ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE PORT OF COWES FOR 1963.

Section 1 - Staff

Table A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
P.G. Woods.	Senior Public Health Inspector	1st Oct 1963	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Senior Public Health Inspector for Cowes U.D.C.
D.U. Sullivan.	Assistant Sanitary Inspector.	1st Oct 1963	M.A.P.H.I.	Asst. Public Health Inspector for Cowes U.D.C.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected. By the Medical Officer of Health.	Number Inspected. By the Sanitary Inspector.	Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports.	13	3,027	Nil	13	Nil
Coastwise.	169	72,608	Nil	169	Nil
Total.	182	75,635	Nil	182	Nil

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company run a regular frequent service of Steamers from Southampton to the port not included in the above figures. This service varies from 7 sailings daily each way in the winter to 14 or more in the summer.

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C

Passenger Traffic -

Number of passengers inwards - Eleven foreign seamen were landed and transferred to local hospitals.

Number of passengers outwards - Nil.

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company carried to and from Cowes 759,047 passengers and 60,287 private cars and 17,858 commercial vehicles making a total of 78,145 vehicles.

Cargo Traffic -

Principal Imports - Coal, Shingle, Petrol, Timber, Cement.

Principal Exports - Grain and other Agricultural products.

Principal ports from which ships arrive - Blythe, Poole, South Wales, Cornish and Scandinavian ports.

There were also several hundred private yachts which visited the Port during the summer season.

Table C (Cont)

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

There is considerable barge traffic between Cowes and Newport in the Isle of Wight and Southampton and Portsmouth on the Mainland.

	Total No.	Net Tonnage.
Arriving Cowes.	2393	185,140
Arriving Newport.	1859	115,549
Total.	4252	300,689

Section V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE.

Section V1 - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

NO CHANGE.

Section V11 - Smallpox.

(1) Smallpox cases would be sent to Ashey Isolation Hospital after consultation with the District Medical Officer together with the appropriate physician.

(2) Ambulance transport would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.

(3) The smallpox consultant available is Dr. J. Mills, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.

(4) Laboratory diagnosis for smallpox would be by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale.

Section V111 - Venereal Disease.

NO CHANGE

Section 1X - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D

Category	Disease.	Number of cases during the year		Number of Ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observation on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

Section X1 - Measure taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No cases have arisen of suspected plague during the year.

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Section X11 - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) All ships arriving at the port are boarded by the Sanitary Inspector, who inspects the deratisation certificate.

(2) Rodents would be sent to the County Laboratory at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde. No cases have been sent during the year.

(3) All ships for deratting are referred to Southampton port Health Authority.

(4) By arrangement with the Port Health Authority, Southampton, all ships for rat proofing are referred to that port.

Table E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

No rodents were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

No nuisances have been complained of during the year.

Section X1V - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE.

Section XV1 - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE.

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